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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), SALT, CSCE, AU

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETINGS WITH GROMYKO

YOU MAY INFORM PERMREPS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THE MEETING PROCEEDED IN GENERALLY FRIENDLY AND
RELAXED ATMOSPHERE. DISCUSSION FOCUSED LARGELY ON CSCE,
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SALT AND MIDDLE EAST. AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO MEET

AGAIN IN FAIRLY NEAR FUTURE IS RELATED MOSTLY TO
MIDDLE EAST.

2. ON CSCE, SECRETARY SOUGHT TO GET SOVIET REACTION TO
"GLOBAL INITIATIVE." GROMYKO CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN ONLY
THE PORTION DEALING WITH JOURNALISTS. HE PROVIDED A
NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS TO THAT TEXT WHICH WE ASKED HIM
TO FURNISH OUR REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA WHO WILL DISCUSS
THEM WITH ALLIES. SECRETARY MADE CLEAR WE EXPECT
SOVIETS TO RESPOND TO GLOBAL INITIATIVE AS A WHOLE AND
GROMYKO SAID THEY WOULD DO SO. WE THINK IT MOST
EFFICIENT TO DEAL WITH THESE MATTERS IN GENEVA. ON
CBMS, SOVIETS SHOWED SOME MOVEMENT: 30,000 MEN, 18
DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE, AND DEPTH OF TERRITORY OF 150 KM
IN USSR. WE EXPECT TO CONSULT ON THIS IN GENEVA ALSO.
ON FOLLOW-ON, SOVIETS WERE CAUTIOUS, INDICATING THEY
WOULD NOT BE AVERSE TO FOUR OR FIVE YEAR DELAY BEFORE A
REVIEW MEETING. SOVIETS REMAIN EAGER FOR SUMMIT
FINALE IN JULY BUT IT WAS MADE CLEAR TO THEM THAT THIS
DEPENDS ON SATISFACTORY RESULTS.

3. ON SALT THERE WAS OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW ALL THE
TECHNICAL ISSUES THAT HAVE ARISEN IN GENEVA AND WHICH NAC
IS AWARE OF. WE WILL PROBABLY DELAY RESUMPTION OF GENEVA
SESSIONS FOR TWO TO THREE WEEKS TO PERMIT FURTHER REVIEW
OF ISSUES IN CAPITALS. WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT SOVIETS
WANT AN AGREEMENT THIS YEAR AND THERE WERE SOME SIGNS,
AS YET INCONCLUSIVE, OF MOVEMENT ON SUCH MATTERS AS
VERIFICATION, THE FOLLOW-ON NEGOTIATIONS ON REDUCTIONS
AND CRUISE MISSILES.

4. ON MIDDLE EAST, IT WAS NOT OUR EXPECTATION TO HAVE
NEGOTIATION AND WE DID NOT. PRINCIPAL THRUST ON SOVIET
SIDE WAS THEIR INSISTENCE ON FULL PARTICIPATION IN ALL
FUTURE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS. THEY ALSO PRESSED FOR
JOINT US-SOVIET INVITATION NOW TO PLO TO PARTICIPATE IN
GENEVA CONFERENCE. WE INDICATED OUR INTENTION TO SEEK
TO WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH SOVIETS BUT MADE CLEAR WE CAN
REACH NO DECISION ON NEXT STEPS PENDING COMPLETION OF
OUR CONSULTATION WITH PARTIES - IN PARTICULAR PRESIDENT
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FORD'S MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AND PRIME MINISTER
RABIN - AND CONCLUSION OF OUR OWN POLICY REASSESSMENT.
WE ALSO REEMPHASIZED OUR VIEW THAT PLO
REPRESENTATION ISSUE MUST BE DEFERRED IF INSTANT STALE-
MATE AT THE OUTSET IS TO BE AVOIDED. SECRETARY AND
GROMYKO AGREED THAT CAREFUL PREPARATION IS NEEDED BEFORE
GENEVA CONFERENCE RECONVENES AND WILL MEET AGAIN,
PROBABLY DURING FIRST HALF OF JULY, FOR FURTHER EXCHANGE

OF VIEWS. NO SPECIFIC DATES FOR GENEVA HAVE BEEN SET,
BUT OUR PRESENT ESTIMATE IS THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO
COMPLET NECESSARY PREPARATORY WORK BEFORE LATE AUGUST OR
SEPTEMBER.
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